

MINUTE BOOK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Minute No. 774

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, September 8, 2005

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in a special session in the Public Meeting Room, Courthouse Square, Washington, Pennsylvania, with the following members being present: Commissioners Bracken Burns, Larry Maggi and Diana L. Irey. Also being present: Mary Helicke, Chief Clerk; Lynn DeHaven, Solicitor; Linda Belcher, Administrative Assistant; Joy Sprowls Commissioner's Office; Sheriff John Rheel; Captain Todd Hammond, Sheriff's Office; Harry Wilson, Director of Veterans Affairs; Tim Kimmel, Director of Human Services; Melanie Finney, Planning Commission; Reverend Gary Schneider, North Ten Mile Baptist Church; Gus Impiccini, American Legion; Jeff Kotula, Chamber of Commerce; Bill McGowen and Cindy Linville, Redevelopment Authority; Lambert Rosenbaum, Barbara Miller and Connie Ferris, USDA Closing Costs Assistance Program; Dian Hartt, Elizabeth McCarthy, Judith Hunter and Jean Macik, Brookwood Center Adult Day Care Center; Marcella Dalverny, Harry Sabatasse, Jerry Seaman, Harlan Shobar, Jeff Bull and Ed Mazor, interested citizens; Jim Jefferson, WJPA; Chris Haines, Herald-Standard; Ken Bonnel, Weekly Recorder; Barbara Miller, Observer-Reporter; WPXI and WTATE channels.

Co-Chairman Maggi called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 a.m.

Reverend Schneider led the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Impiccini led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Co-Chairman Maggi entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 773 dated August 25, 2005.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving Minute No. 773 as written.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irey - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Commissioners presented a Proclamation declaring September 8-24, 2005, as "National Adult Day Services Week.

Ms. Hart, Activities Director of the Easter Seals Adult Day Service, accepted the Proclamation and gave remarks regarding the services provided by her agency. She introduced volunteers and participants of the adult day services.

Cindy Linville, of the Washington County Redevelopment Authority, presented to the Board information regarding the USDA Closing Costs Assistance Program. She introduced Lambert Rosenbaum of USDA/Rural Development and Connie Ferris, of Community Action Southwest. They made comments regarding this program and the many benefits it affords to residents of the community.

(RECESS FOR PHOTOS)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Bull of North Strabane Township and a member of CATIF (Citizens Against Tax Increment Financing), addressed the Board regarding the opposition to the Victory Centre project and stated the project contains incomplete information. Mr. Bull requested the Board rescind their approval on this project until such time when all accurate information is compiled.

Ed Mazor of North Strabane Township and also a member of CATIF, commented that the Victory Centre Project is \$148 million dollars of "pork". He gave the board members information pertaining to the Victory Centre Project.

Harry Sabatasse, of Burgettstown, again questioned when the Board is going to take action to rescind the elected officials pay raises. He also commended the Board for having a program to send relief to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Judy Panasik, a resident of the county, questioned the Board regarding the TIF and Clean and Green as it refers to the property being used for the Victory Centre project. She stated that the South Strabane Township supervisors illegally rezoned the area that is going to be used for the Victory Centre Project. Ms. Panasik questioned whether or not Trinity and South Strabane Township would receive their share of back taxes from the Clean and Green Act as that land is included in the TIF and will that come from the owners or the individuals that are planning to redo the property. She pointed out that according to the Clean and Green Act it states five days after the land is rezoned it is suppose to be reassessed and these taxes should be collected and questioned if this money would be thrown into the TIF.

COMMENTS:

Commissioner Irey stated she would like to respond to a few of the comments made and noted the Solicitor should be able to answer Ms. Panasik's question.

Commissioner Irey pointed out that this TIF is a very complicated issue which she has spent an unbelievable amount of time reviewing documents and everything that pertains to it. She said the more she reads the more concerns she has with what is going on. Commissioner Irey noted that the Board should consider adopting a TIF policy. She commented that she has received a copy of Allegheny County's TIF policy, which she forwarded to the Washington County Redevelopment Authority Board members to review. In looking at the South Strabane Township project, she said it would not qualify and it is required to have a market analysis and economic impact study, which the county does not have for this project.

Commissioner Irey stated she would like to see an annual report from the developer which is not included in the TIF document.

Also, Commissioner Irey mentioned she has requested additional information regarding the TIF project that she is still waiting to receive. She thanked Mr. Mazor for the information he provided to the Board members.

Commissioner Irey made a motion requesting the Board to consider rescinding the vote on approval of the Victory Centre Project until such time when more information can be reviewed.

Motion died for a lack of a second.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the adoption of a resolution for Inter-County Cooperation with Allegheny County to mitigate the impact of flooding in the Chartiers Creek Watershed.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irey - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

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Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the adoption of a resolution and approval of Elected Representative in regard to the Washington County Industrial Development Authority's bond financing for Commerce Street LLC, as the developer and McVehil, Inc. as industrial occupant in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. The purpose of the bond is to finance the acquisition of a lot in the Maiden Street Business Park, City of Washington, Pennsylvania and the construction thereon of a manufacturing facility for the fabrication of sheet metal HVAC systems.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, adopting the foregoing resolution.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irej - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the adoption of a resolution authorizing the settlement of the lawsuits styled Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. v. Washington County and County of Washington v. Columbia Gas Company of Pennsylvania, Inc. filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County, Pennsylvania at No. 2004-5867 and No. 2004-5598, respectively, and in connection therewith execute mutual releases as approved by the County Solicitor, make payment of \$81,500 to Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. and authorize the County Solicitor to settle and discontinue the lawsuits with payment of filing fees.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, adopting the resolution authorizing the settlement of the lawsuits with Columbia Gas Company of Pennsylvania as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irej - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the adoption of a resolution agreeing to the sale of Parcel No. 8 in Starpointe Industrial Park to Business Park Associates, LLC and Parcel No. 10 to ATA Land Company, LLC under the terms and conditions previously explained in a prior meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, adopting the foregoing resolution.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irej - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the advertising of an RFQ to select an engineering firm to complete a Master Plan for the Washington County Airport.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the advertising for an RFQ for the Washington County Airport as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

COMMENTS:

Commissioner Irej commented that at one point the Board tried to combine the strategic plan and master plan but found the County was without funding to do the strategic plan and had funding in place to the master plan. In order to move forward, the Board is required by law to have a master plan for the Washington County Airport.

Mrs. Irely - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval authorization to submit a grant request to DCNR for a 1.25 mile extension of the paved bike trail in Mingo Creek Park. This request will be for 2006 funding as follows:

DCNR	\$186,400
County Cash	13,000
County in-kind	<u>33,000</u>
Total	\$233,000

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the submission of the grant request to DCNR for the bike trail as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irely - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval authorization to submit a grant request to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to pave approximately 7,900 square yards of parking area in Cross Creek Park. This request is for 2006 funding as follows:

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission	\$ 88,875
County Cash	<u>29,625</u>
Total	\$118,500

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the submission of the grant request to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irely - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a temporary construction easement with Sallie A. and William C. Dunn in the amount of \$1,000 to allow for the reconstruction of the Mid Wheeling # 1 Bridge in West Finley Township.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the temporary construction easement with Sallie A. and William C. Dunn as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irely - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for consideration and approval authorization to bid construction of the Erskine Covered Bridge - Mid Wheeling # 1 in West Finley Township (bid to begin September 8, 2005 to meet PennDOT schedule). The cost for construction will be 100% state funds.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving authorization to bid construction of the Erskine Covered Bridge as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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Mrs. Irej - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following Child Care Provider Agreements. These agreements will be automatically renewed until either party to the Agreement notifies the other party in writing of their intent not to renew under the current terms of the provider agreements.

Treva N. Gray, Washington
Rona Crow, Coal Center
Ruth A. Crook, McDonald
Delories Hull, Washington
Donna L. Sheppard, Washington
Barbara L. McCoy, Brownsville
Mary J. Ward, Avella
Virginia J. Wallace, Washington
Victoria A. Brock, Canonsburg
Donna M. Hough, McDonald

Priscilla A. Williams, New Eagle
Linda Risner, Washington
Dorothy Matiyasic, Waynesburg
Donna L. Krut, Claysville
Cynthia Dobrovich, Bellaire
Yohnda N. Collins, Washington
Marcus A. Wilson, Canonsburg
Donald E. Law, Monongahela
Nicole A. Cox, Burgettstown
Tiffany A. McKinney, Canonsburg

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing Child Care Information Services agreements.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irej Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an agreements with Verizon Yellow Book for advertisement of the Washington County Health Center and Child Care Information Services for 12-month periods commencing on the execution of the agreement. The amount of the contract for the Health Center will be approximately \$509.85 per month. The amount of the contract for CCIS will be approximately \$447.10 per month.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing agreement with Verizon Yellow Book for the Health Center and Child Care Information Services.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irej - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an agreement with Washington County Drug and Alcohol Commission for Drug and Alcohol/Mental Health assessments and service planning for persons involved in the Washington County Drug Treatment Court. The amount of this contract is \$61,000.00 for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. No County match is required.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the agreement with Washington County Drug and Alcohol Commission as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irej - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an agreement with HealthChoices, Inc.

to provide Washington County the ability to participate in a five county consultation project for the multi-year planning and redevelopment of State Mental Hospital services. The amount of this contract is \$20,200.00 for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. No additional county match is required.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the agreement with HealthChoices, Inc. as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irey - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval agreements with the following Purchase of Service Providers for Children and Youth Services for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Mars Home for Youth	\$100,000
Washington Hospital Teen Outreach	27,500
Tresslercare	<u>25,000</u>
TOTAL	\$152,500

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Purchase of Service Providers for Children and Youth Services as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irey - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the submission of the Integrated Children's Services Plan for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 in the amount of \$60,000. No additional County funds are required.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, approving the submission of the Integrated Children's Services Plan as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irey - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a one year service contract with Building Control Systems, Inc., Carnegie, PA for the control system at the Family Court Center. This contract will be effective September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2006 at the rate of \$7,520 per year.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, approving the one year service contract with Building Control Systems, Inc. as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irey - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the renewal of the annual hardware maintenance, license and software support for the Ballot Tabulation and Voter Registration system for the Election Office to Election Systems & Software, Inc., Omaha, NE at the total cost of \$17,868.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, approving the foregoing renewal of the annual hardware maintenance, license and software support for the Election Office.

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Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irely - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval authorization to bid major plumbing repairs to cover major problems at any of the Washington County facilities. This would be a one year contract with the option to renew on a year-to-year basis for two additional years.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving authorization to advertise for bids for major plumbing repairs as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irely - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Co-Chairman Maggi announced Scott Fergus, Director of Administration, is celebrating his 60th birthday today and wished him a very happy birthday.

An Executive Session was held on September 7, 2005, immediately following the Agenda Meeting as an information session related to personnel, labor relations and litigation styled County of Washington, Pennsylvania v. Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County Civil Division at 5598 of 2004, Columbia Gas v. County of Washington, Pennsylvania filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County Civil Division at No. 2004-5867.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor DeHaven presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following tax refunds.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, that the Tax Assessment Office be authorized to prepare the following tax refund due to either duplication or overpayment of real estate or personal property tax:

1. William C. & Lois J. Krueger (2005 County Tax)
117 Crestview Drive
McMurray, PA 15317
District: Cecil Township
Parcel: 140-014-00-0013-00
Total: \$1,223.09

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irely - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Co-Chairman Maggi declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:55 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

September 21, 2005
ATTEST: Mary E. Helicke
CHIEF CLERK